

REMARKS

Please enter the above amendments before examination of the application on the merits.

The changes to paragraphs 17, 21 and 32 of the specification are to correct typographical errors and to clarify a particular element. In particular, paragraph 17 has been amended to remove an essentially duplicated word. Paragraph 21 has been amended to correct the misspelling of a word. Paragraph 32 has been amended to clarify a concept presented in the present application and more thoroughly disclosed in U.S. patent application entitled, Semi-Solid Metal Casting Process of Hypoeutectic Aluminum Alloys, filed May 1, 2003, having serial number 10/426,799, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference. Accordingly, no new matter is added by these amendments.

Claims 1-30 are cancelled and new claims 31-60 are added by this amendment. These amendments are not for reasons related to patentability, but rather are to further clarify the present invention. Support for these amendments are to be found at least in paragraphs 16, 20-25, 27-28, and 30 of the specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this amendment and no estoppels are intended thereby.

No fees are believed due at this time. However, any additional fee necessary for consideration of this amendment or any overpayment is hereby authorized to be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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